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SUBJECT: SWAPO REPS TALK WITH MISOFF, MAY 9

1. PETER KATJAVIVI, OF SWAPO LEADERSHIP IN LONDON, CALLED ON MISOFF MAY 9, ON RETURN TO LONDON FROM COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE IN JAMAICA.

2. KATJAVIVI EXPRESSED SWAPO'S GRATITUDE FOR TRIPARTITE DEMARCHE MADE TO SAG. HE INDICATED THAT, UNFORTUNATELY, SITUATION WITHIN NAMIBIA HAS NOT CHANGED: SOUTH AFRICAN CONTROL IS RIGID AND VORSTER IS DOING NOTHING. ON THE OTHER HAND, DEVELOPMENTS IN ANGOLA ARE BOUND TO AFFECT MOVE TOWARDS INDEPENDENCE IN NAMIBIA. SOUTH AFRICANS WILL NOT CONTENT OTHER AFRICANS CONCERNING NAMIBIA MERELY BY MOVE TO EFFECT CHANGE IN RHODESIA.

3. THERE ARE, NEVERTHELESS, MOVES VORSTER HAS TAKEN AND
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WHICH ARE RUMORED WHICH COULD HAVE SUBSTANTIAL POSITIVE

RESULTS ESPECIALLY AFFECTING UPCOMING SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON NAMIBIA. WERE VORSTER TO ANNOUNCE, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT PRETORIA ACCEPTS SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE FOR NAMIBIA AND OPPOSES ESTABLISHMENT OF BANTUSTANS (ALONG LINES OF PARTS A AND B OF OAU STATEMENT IN DAR ES SALAAM -- SEE USUN 1557 NOTAL), THIS WOULD RECEIVE VERY FAVORABLE RESPONSE. KATJAVIVI HAS HEARD RUMORS THAT NAMIBIAN POLITICAL PRISONERS ON ROBBER ISLAND ARE TO BE TRANSFERRED INTO DETENTION IN NAMIBIA. THIS IS A START; WERE THEY TO BE FREED, THIS WOULD BE VIEWED POSITIVELY.

4. SWAPO, CONTINUED KATJAVIVI, HAS NOT YET BEGUN DRAFTING LANGUAGE FOR SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION. INSTEAD, THEY ARE AWAITING ANY NEWS THAT MAY EMANATE FROM PRETORIA. IN SPEECHES AT SC, SWAPO INTENDS TO PRESENT "INDICTMENT" OF SAG BEHAVIOR IN NAMIBIA.

5. KATJAVIVI CONCLUDED THAT VORSTER AGREEMENT TO NEGOTIATE EXCLUSIVELY WITH SWAPO WAS NOT A SINE QUA NON. ONE COMPROMISE THAT COULD PROVE ACCEPTABLE FROM SWAPO'S POINT OF VIEW WOULD BE ELECTIONS FOR CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY WHICH WOULD CREATE CONSTITUTION. KATJAVIVI RECOGNIZED THAT INDEPENDENCE COULD NOT BE GRANTED "OVER NIGHT".

6. KATJAVIVI COMMENTED NEGATIVELY ON KAPUUNO'S VISIT TO JAMAICA (USUN 1533 NOTEL), OBSERVING THAT KAPUUNO HAD BEEN EXPELLED FROM JAMAICA BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

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